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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: ALGERIAN PRESS ON VANCE MISSION
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1. ALGERIAN PRESS CONTINUES TO EXPRESS PESSIMISM ON SECRETARY'S LATEST MISSION TO MIDEAST. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS FRENCH DAILY "EL-MOUDJAHID" HEADLINES "DAMASCUS REJECTS EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN PROPOSITION" AUGUST 6, WHILE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS ARABIC DAILY HEADLINES "DAMASCUS REJECTS IDEA OF WORKING GROUP. TEL AVIV: LIKELIHOOD OF WAR GREATER".

2. ABUNDANT EDITORIAL COMMENT ACCUSES U.S. OF SEEKING TO FREEZE SITUATION IN DEFENSE OF ITS OWN SELFISH INTERESTS INSTEAD OF TRYING TO ACHIEVE JUST PEACE.

3. IN THIS VEIN, AUGUST 3 EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED CONSTANTINE ARABIC DAILY "AN-NASR" STATES: "AMERICA AS A REGIME IS NERVOUS ABOUT CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IN ARAB WORLD AND FEARFUL ABOUT SURPRISES THAT MIGHT IN FUTURE AFFECT ITS PRESENT POSITION IN REGION, SO IT PUTS FORTH SOLUTIONS THAT SERVE ITS OWN INTERESTS AND ITS BIAS IN FAVOR OF ZIONIST ADMINISTRATION.... VANCE'S TRIP WILL HAVE NO
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MORE LUCK THAN ITS KISSINGERIAN PREDECESSORS, BECAUSE IT IS MEANT TO COMPLICATE CRISIS.... AMERICA HAS HAD ABILITY TO SOLVE CRISIS OF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT SINCE ITS INCEPTION, BUT IT HAS PREFERRED FOOT-DRAGGING AND MANEUVERS."

4. SIMILARLY, GOVERNMENT-OWNED ORAN ARABIC DAILY

"AL-JUMHURIYYA" WRITES AUGUST 3: "AMERICA HAS ACCUSTOMED THE ARABS... TO CREATION OF COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATION OF TRIPS ONE AFTER THE OTHER... WITHOUT ACHIEVING ANY RESULTS OR PROGRESS.... MR. VANCE'S TRIP TO MIDEAST IS JUST TO CALM ARABS DOWN...."

5. IN FEATURE ARTICLE ENTITLED "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE", FLN FRENCH WEEKLY ORGAN "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" FOR AUGUST 3-9/ASKS: "WHAT CAN MR. VANCE SUGGEST TO SATISFY ARAB DEMANDS...? ALL THE ARAB STATES AGREE UNANIMOUSLY ON FUNDAMENTAL POINT OF EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATION OF PLO AT GENEVA. WHAT COMPROMISE FORMULA DOES MR VANCE HOPE TO GET DAMASCUS, CAIRO, RIYAD, AMMAN, AND BEIRUT TO SWALLOW...? WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THIS SOMEWHAT PERILOUS AND PREMATURE MISSION? THAT IS WILL RECONCILE THE IRRECONCILABLE? THIS WOULD BE TOO MUCH."

6. FINALLY, LEAD EDITORIAL IN SAME ISSUE OF "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" ASSERTS: "MEN HAVE CHANGED AT WHITE HOUSE, BUT METHODS HAVE STAYED THE SAME.... NEW LEADER OF ZIONIST STATE... HAS JUST RECEIVED ALL THE ASSURANCES AND SUPPORT BOTH MATERIAL AND MORAL NEEDED TO MAINTAIN HIS OCCUPATION OF ARAB LANDS ... AND CONTINUE FLOUTING NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.... WHY HAS MR. VANCE UNDERTAKEN HIS VISITS WHEN HE KNOWS THEY ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE BECAUSE HE IS NOT DEALING WITH PLO?
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IT SEEMS MAIN PREOCCUPATION OF U.S. IS TO GAIN TIME WITHOUT WEAKENING ITS POSITION AS PRIVILEGED MEDIATOR. QUESTION WHICH SEEMS ALWAYS TO HAVE PREOCCUPIED EVERY SUCCESSIVE LEADER IN WHITE HOUSE HAS BEEN HOW TO BOTH SUPPORT ISRAEL IN ITS EXPANSIONIST PROJECTS AND RPT AND KEEP FRIENDSHIP OF ARABS."ROSS

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